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By F. A. MITCHEL

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The opening of the war brought a host of bouleversers. Many persons who had been prosperous, rich, found all they had possessed swept away, some of them being overburdened with debt they could not pay. Among these was a clergyman, a Mr. Luckett, who was too old to recover from the misfortunes the war brought upon him. He was at the time living in Missouri, though he had been in charge of churches in Indiana and western states. He had been able to gather a small sum to provide for him in his old age, and now the great crisis that had come upon the nation took this away from him. He was too old to secure a pastorate and too old to engage in any kind of business.

A niece living in Memphis, Tenn., hearing of his pitiable condition, invited him to visit her. He did so while in a condition of deep depression. His misfortunes coming when his physical forces were breaking away may have affected his mind. At any rate, it is impossible to conceive of a man involving himself as he did while in full possession of his faculties.

Memphis was then in possession of the Federal forces under command of General Hurlbut. It was to the in-



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Interest of the United States government at the time to prevent supplies from being carried through the lines to the Confederates, and for this purpose spies were employed to watch for persons engaged in such traffic. The spy system, notwithstanding that it has figured largely in romance, is not likely to enlist those who are inspired by the highest motives.

Some of these unscrupulous persons found a victim in the old clergyman. Hearing him lament the loss of his fortune, they suggested a way for him to recover it. They told him that the southern people were greatly in need,

among other things, of quinine and percussion caps and would pay enormous prices for these articles. Whether Mr. Luckett was aware that such traffic was forbidden by the United States government and that the punishment attached to it was death does not appear. And even if he was his being drawn into such a trap is hardly conceivable in a man of sound mind.

Of course the men who induced him to ship the supplies stopped them before they had crossed the lines, and Mr. Luckett was arrested. That a court martial should have found him guilty of furnishing aid and comfort to the enemy is not surprising. Courts martial are makeshifts in wartime, just as Judge Lynch is used in newly settled countries overrun by criminals, where the protection afforded by the law of the land tends rather to defeat than to establish justice. But for any body of United States officers to condemn a broken down old man to death for such an offense is to say the least, unmerciful. Nevertheless, Mr. Luckett, who had spent his life preaching the gospel, was sentenced to be shot.

The scene of our story now shifts to the capital of the nation, where every one from the president down to the scullion in the kitchen was absorbed in the great struggle between the north and south. A gentleman and his wife who had come from the west alighted from a train and pursued their way through streets crowded with army volunteers, pedestrians, marching cavalrymen and artillery to the house of representatives. Arriving there, the gentleman sent his card to a member of congress—Voorhees of Indiana, afterward a senator of national reputation. The card bore the name of Bullitt, a resident of the congressional district represented by Mr. Voorhees. The latter arose from his desk, joined Mr. Bullitt, with whom he was well acquainted, and the two went to the ante-room, where Mrs. Bullitt awaited them. They found her very much agitated, and she greeted Mr. Voorhees with the words:

"My father is to be shot the day after tomorrow."
It behooved the congressman to do what he could for the unfortunate woman, though it hardly seemed possible amid the turmoil of a great war to take time to run, with a string of army mules behind her, the head of each just touching the tail of the one in front of him. The young woman's steps are said to have exceeded the prescribed army stride by about two feet. Her dignity was decidedly "out of strings." There were about twenty-five mules in the procession—Youth's Companion.

They Mixed Punishment and Merit in the Good Old Days.
The milkman who waters his milk and the grocer who adulterates his butter are not after all, the products of our modern civilization. These men, it appears, have an ancestry of a respectable antiquity. Witness an edict which an antiquary has discovered in the archives of Puy-de-Dome.

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When the said milk shall be placed on his head till the sun shall have melted it completely, and in the meantime the children and men of the villages shall insult him with such outrageous epithets as shall please them, subject to the respect of God and his majesty.

"Whoever shall have sold old or rotten eggs shall be seized by the body and exposed in our pillory of Pontet. The said eggs shall be given to the children of the village, who shall by way of joyful diversion throw them in the face of the culprit, so that all may be full of merriment and laughter."

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ett.
"Did your father preach in Spring field years ago?"

"He did."

"This is strange," said the president thoughtfully. "I have often heard him preach, and I've often been mistaken for him. He is tall, dark complexioned man, very like me. And he is to be shot tomorrow. No, no; there shall be no shooting or hanging in this case! There must be something the matter with him or he would not have been caught in such an affair as this." Then, turning to Mrs. Bullitt, he added, "I don't know how I shall proceed in the matter, but you may rest assured, my child, that your father's life is safe."

Before the party left Mr. Lincoln summoned a telegraph operator from an adjoining room and dictated a dispatch to General Hurlbut at Memphis directing him to suspend the execution of Henry M. Luckett and await further orders in the case.

This sudden change from death to life in the case of her father was a great relief to Mrs. Bullitt. She became hysterical, crying and laughing by turns. Nor was the incident without effect upon the others of the party, some of whom were in tears. The president showed his own emotion by repeating to himself:

"Henry M. Luckett! No, no; there shall be no shooting in this case!"

This is only one of the many similar incidents that occurred in that historic executive mansion during those four years of civil war. Viewing them now at a distance of half a century, they stand out resplendent acts of mercy at a time when all else was barbaric cruelty. They were preparing the way for a great change in the methods of nations as to the treatment of those who either justly or unjustly have raised a hand against an established government and failed. When the struggle ended, unlike similar cases since government was established on the earth, not a drop of blood of even the leaders of the movement was shed. Mr. Luckett when released, though straitened for means, insisted on going to Washington to thank the president for his life. He went to Mr. Voorhees, called him from his desk and in the same room where the old man's daughter had made her appeal thanked him and asked him to take him to Mr. Lincoln that he might also express his gratitude to him. But, though the president had time to spare a life, he had not time to be thanked therefor. The call was never made.

It is now nearly half a century since the man who while in the midst of bloodshed never lost an opportunity of showing mercy fell by the bullet of an assassin, yet with every year the remembrance of those acts grows dearer to the American people. The secretary of war, the generals, all dreaded Mr. Lincoln's pardons, considering them subversive to discipline and detrimental to the cause. But, while we have ceased to be stirred by accounts of the battles, we are ever ready to listen to stories of the president's pardons.

A wise physician is more than armies to the public weal.—Pope.

JOLTED HER DIGNITY.

The Matron, the Mules and a Spectacular Procession.

They tell a story in army circles in Washington, wherein a young matron of noble dignity and a string of army mules were the principal actors. It appears that this young woman has quite a regal air, a circumstance that added much to the humor of the situation in which she found herself. Also, it should be added, it is her custom to investigate pretty thoroughly any new phase of life with which she comes in contact. Accordingly, on the occasion of her visit to an army post in the west, she had everything about the post carefully explained to her.

One day, when her host and hostess were out of the house, this young woman thought it well to go to the corral to inspect the army mules. She went among the animals, carefully examining each one.

She happened to wear a costume of very light color that quickly attracted the attention of the animals, which were accustomed, like all army pack mules, to be led by the whitest animal among them. They slowly wobbled their ears as they noticed the unfurled white parasol of their visitor.

The young woman finished her inspection and took her departure. As she left the corral, she heard steps behind her. Glancing back, she saw a mule following her, while all the rest of the animals were falling into line behind their leader.

She was not at all alarmed, she deemed it quite beneath her dignity. But she was startled, to say the least, and quickened her pace. The mule immediately in her rear increased his pace, too, and marched steadily along with his nose just touching the back of the white parasol.

Then it was that the occupants of the long row of officers' quarters were astonished to witness the spectacle of an extremely dignified woman coming up the avenue, at a gait that might be termed a compromise between her dignified and a waltzing to run, with a string of army mules behind her, the head of each just touching the tail of the one in front of him. The young woman's steps are said to have exceeded the prescribed army stride by about two feet. Her dignity was decidedly "out of strings." There were about twenty-five mules in the procession—Youth's Companion.

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